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SUBJ: MYONGDONG PRISONERS: CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT

REF: SEOUL 4235

1. IN REPLY TO EMBASSY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS, ROKG PROVIDED EMBASSY IN CONFIDENCE WITH REPORT COVERING ALL NINE PRISONERS AS OF MAY 16.

2. TEXT OF REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"PRESENT CONDITIONS OF PRISONERS INVOLVED IN MYONG CASE AS OF MAY 16, 1977:

1. KIM TAE-CHUNG (6855/1129/0022), 51

A. OCCUPATION: NONE

B. PLACE OF BIRTH: CHOLLA-NAMDO

C. ADDRESS :TONGGYO-DONG, MAP'O'GU, SEUL

D. PRSON: CHINU PRISON

E. CELL CONDITION 2.54 P'YONG (3.952 SQ. YD. PER P'YONG), TWO WINDOS, WELL-VENTILATED.

F. MEDICAL HISTOR: HYPERTENSION, COMPLAINED OF SCIATIC PAINS AT THE TIME OF COMMITMENT.

G. MEDICAL FINDINGS AT TIME OF COMMITMENT:

SUSPECTED ARTHRITIS IN THE LEGS, BLOOD PRESSURE 110-70,

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PULSE 72, TEMPERATURE 36.5 C.

H. PRESENT CONDITION: FAIR (ENOUGHT FOR PRISON LIFE)

I. MEALS: PRISON MEALS AND APPLES AND EGGS AND SIX OTHER KINDS FOR SNACKS. (HAD MILD, EGGS, APPLES, ETC., EVEN DURING HIS SO-CALLED HUNGER STRIKE.)

J. INTERVIEWS: MORE THAN ONE A MONTH WITH FAMILY AND WHENEVER REQUESTED WITH LAWYER AND OTHER SPECIAL INTERVIEWS.

K. PHYSICAL EXERCISE: 30 TO 60 MINUTES A DAY
L. BEDCLOTHES: THREE QUILTS AND TWO BLANKETS ISSUED BY THE
PRISON AND TWO SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. READING MATERIALS: BOOKS OTHER THAN OF SUBVERSIVE NATURE ARE
ALLOWED WHENEVER REQUESTED; HAD 45 BOOKS SENT IN, INCLUDING AN
ECONOMIC HISTORY.
N. CASH IN CUSTODY: 10,014 WON

2. MUN IK-HWAN (2429/4135/3562), 58
A. MINISTER
B. HAYGYONG-PUKTO
C. SUYU-DONG, TOBONG-GU, SEUL
D. CHONGJU PRISON
E. 1.75 P'YONG, TWO WINDOWS, WELL-VENTILATED.
F. TUBERCULOSIS OF THE LUNGS (CURED).
G BLOOD PRESSURE 135-75, PULSE 72, TEMPERATURE 36 C.
H. GOOD
I. PRISONS MEALS AND EGGS, APPLES, CAKES, MILK, PEACH JUICE,
BISCUITS, CANDIES, ETC. (NINE KINDS) FOR SNACK.
J. SAME AS IN THE CASE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG AND OTHERS
K. SAME AS IN THE CASE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG AND OTHERS.
L. THREE PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, TWO PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS AND
TWO SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS 47 BOOKS SENT IN, INCLUDING
THE NEW AMERICA BIBLE.
N. 16,743 WON

3. YUN PAN-UNG (1438/2372/3574); 66
A. MINISTER
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B. HAMGYONG-NAMDO
C. HOEGI-DONG, TONGDAEMUN-GU, SEOUL
D. ANYANG PRISON
E. 1.65 P'YONG, TWO WINDOWS, WELL-VENTILATED
F. HYPERTENSION
G. BLOOD PRESSURE 170-90, PULSE 68, TEMPERATURE 36 C.
H. FAIR
I. PRISON MEALS AND APPLES, EGGS AND CANDIES FOR SNACK
J. SAME AS OTHERS
K. SAME AS OTHERS
L. THREE PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, TWO PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS AND
THREE SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS SIX BOOKS SENT IN, INCLUDING
A CLASSICAL CHINESE DICTIONARY.
N. 49,536 WON

4. MUN TONG-KWAN (2429/2639/3562), 55
A. MINISTER
B. HAMYONG-PUKTO

C. PANGHAK-TONG, TOBONG-GU, SEUL
D. CH'ONGJU PISON
E. 1.78 P'YONG, TWO WINDOWS, WELL-VENTILATED
F. HAD THE RIGHT LUNG AND GALL-BLADDER REMOVED (CURED).
G. DIGESTIVE DISORDER, BLOOD PRESSURE 160-103, PULSE 72,
TEMPERATURE 36.5 C
H. GOOD
I. PRISON MEALS AND NOODLES, CAKE, CANDIES, EGGS, ETC.
(FIVE KINDS) FOR SNACK.
J. SAME AS OTHERS
K. SAME AS OTHERS
L. THREE PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, TWO PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS
AND TWO SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS 59 BOOKS SENT IN,
INCLUDING THE BIBLE.
N. 31,831. WON

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5. HAM SE-UNG (0752/0013/7160), 34
A. ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST
B. SEOUL
C. UNGAM-DONG, SODAEMUN-GU, SEOUL
D. KONGJU PRISON
E. 2.75 P'YONG TWO WINDOWS, WELL-VENTILATED
F. PNEUMONIA (CURED)
G. BLOOD PRESSURE 115-70, PULSE 70, TEMPERATURE 36.5 C.
H. GOOD
I. PRISON MEALS AND NOODLE, MILK, CAKES, EGGS, COOKIES,
ETC. FOR SNACK.
J. SAME AS OTHERS
K. SAME AS OTHERS
L. THREE PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, TWO PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS AND
THREE SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.

M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS 26 BOOKS SENT IN, INCLUDING
"THE ROAD TO THE CROSS."
N. 125,166 WON

6. SIN YONG-PONG (3947/6881/1144), 46
A. ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST
B. CHOLLA-NAMDO
C. PONGSAN-DONG, WONJU-SI, KWANGWON-DO
D. HONGSONG PRISON
E. 1.6 P'YONG, TWO WINDOWS, WELL-VENTILATED
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F. NONE
G BLOOD PRESSURE 145-100, PULSE 78, TEMPERATURE 36.5 C.
H. GOOD
I. PRISON MEALS AND EGGS, CANNED MACKEREL PIKE AND APPLE SODA
FOR SNACK.
J. SAME AS OTHERS
K. SAME AS OTHERS
L. THREE PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, TWO PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS
AND THREE SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS 17 BOOKS SENT IN,
INCLUDING A BOOK ON YOGA.
N. 24,375 WON

7. MUN CHONG-HYON (2429/2973/6881), 36
A. ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST
B. CHOLLA-PUKTO
C. CHINBUK-TONG, CHONGJU-SI, CHOLLA-PUKTO
D. KIMHAE PRISON
E. 5 P'YONG, TWO WINDOWS, WELL-VENTILATED.
F. HAD AN OPERATION ON THE CARTILAGE OF THE LEFT KNEE
JOINT (CURED).
G. BLOOD PRESSURE 11-70, PULSE 76, TEMPERATURE 36 C.
H. GOOD
I. PRISON MEALS AND COOKIES, CAKES AND UNDAN (CACHOU) FOR SNACK.
J. SAME AS OTHERS
K. SAME AS OTHERS
L. THREE PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, TWO PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS AND
TWO SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS 44 BOOKS SENT IN,
INCLUDING "THE CROSS WITHOUT CHRIST."
N. 30,897 WON

8. YI MUN-YONG (2621/2429/3057), 50
A. NONE
B. SEOUL
C. SSANGMUN-DONG, TOBONG-GU, SEOUL
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D. SUNCH'ON PRISON
E. 4.7 P'YONG, TWO WINDOWS, WELL-VENTILATED
F. ARTHRITIS IN THE RIGHT SHOULDER (CURED)
G. BLOOD PRESSURE 120-80, PULSE 68 TEMPERATURE 36.5 C
H., GOOD
8. PRISON MEALS
J. SAME AS OTHERS
K. SAME AS OTHERS
L. TWO PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, THREE PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS
AND TWO SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS 45 BOOKS SENT IN,
INCLUDING THE BIBLE.
N. 28,655 WON

9. SO NAM-TONG (1776/0589/0681), 59
A. MINISTER
B. CHOLLA-NAMDO
C. SINCH'ON-DONG, SODAEMUN-GU, SEOUL
D. MASAN PRISON
E. 4.3 P'YONG, TWO WINDOWS, WELL VENTILATED
F. NONE
G. BLOOD PRESSURE 130-90, PULSE 72 AND TEMPERATURE 36.5 C.
H. GOOD
I. PRISON MEALS AND EGGS, ODEN (A KIND OF JAPANESE HODGEPODGE),
DEEP FRIES, CANDIES, ETC. FOR SNACK
J. SAME AS OTHERS
K. SAME AS OTHERS
L. TWO PRISON-ISSUED QUILTS, THREE PRISON-ISSUED BLANKETS
AND TWO SELF-FURNISHED BLANKETS.
M. BOOKS ALLOWED AS REQUESTED; HAS 32 BOOKS SENT IN, INCLUDING
"A STUDY OF YI T'OE-KYE (FAMOUS SCHOLAR; 1501-1570)."
N. 69,489 WON

THE PRISONERS ARE BEING TREATED WELL SO AS NOT TO INCUR
UNTOWARD CRITICISM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, ETC. LEGAL
PROVISIONS GOVERNING PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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PHYSICAL CHECKUP:

(ARTICLE 97 OF THE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE OF THE PENAL
ADMINISTRATION LAW) MORE THAN ONCE IN EVERY THREE MONTHS
IN THE CASE F SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND MORE THAN ONCE
IN EVERY SIX MONTHS IN THE CASE F COLLECTIVE CONFINEMENT.

INTERVIEW WITH FAMILY

(ARTICLE 54 AND 56 OF THE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE) ONCE A
MONTH FOR LESS THAN 30 MINUTES EACH BUT LONGER FOR MODEL
PRISONERS.

PHYSICAL EXERCISE (OUTDOOR)

(ARTICLE 96 OF THE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE) DAILY FOR LESS THAN
ONE HOUR BUT MY BE EXTENDED UP TO TWO HOURS.

BOOKS

(ARTICLE 33 OF THE PENAL ADMINISTRATION LAW) PRISONERS ARE
ALLOWED TO READ BOOKS SUBJECT O APPROVAL BY THE PRISON
AUTHORITIES.

MAIL

(ARTICLE 61 OF THE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE) PRISONERS ARE
ALLOWED TO WRITE ONE LETTER A MONTH. INCOMING MAIL IS SUBJECT
TO CENSORSHIP.

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BEDCLOTHES

(ARTILCE 75 OF THE ENFORCEMENT ODNANCE) ONE (BLANKET)
PER PRISONER BUT MORE WHEN DEMMED NECESSARY FOR REASONS
SUCH AS THE HEALTH OF PRISONER."

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